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Officer Profile: Bill Bolt



The Officer of the Month for July is Officer Bill Bolt.

Officer Bolt started his law enforcement career with the Winnebago Police Department in 1999.

After working with the Winnebago Police Department for several years, Officer Bolt came to the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Bolt quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant and supervised the afternoon

and the night shifts.

When Officer Bolt was not working, he enjoyed spending time with his family and his church community.

Officer Bolt has accepted the Chief of Police position with the Minneota Police

Department and has since started his new duties there.

Everyone at the Worthington Police department wishes Officer Bolt the best of luck with his new career.

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force #1 in the State

Congratulations to the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force for receiving recognition as being the Drug Task Force of the Year in the State of Minnesota! The prestigious award was presented by the Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators (MSANI) at the CAN-AM Conference in May.

The Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force consists of agents from Murray, Nobles, and Pipestone Counties, along with Adrian, Fulda, Slayton, and Worthington Police Departments. The Task Force is led by Commander Troy Appel.



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Law Review: Yield to Pedestrians

Many people have started to notice the new “stop for pedestrian” crossing signs that have started to show up downtown and there seems to be some misconceptions over when you have to stop for pedestrians.

If there is a traffic control devise for pedestrians, such as those found at many stoplights, the pedestrian has to follow the direction of the signal and can only cross the road when signaled to do so.

If the pedestrian is crossing in a crosswalk that is not controlled by a pedestrian traffic control devise, all traffic is required to stop and remain stopped until the pedestrian has crossed the lane of traffic.

The pedestrian in this case also has the responsibility not to walk or run into the path of the vehicle, that may be so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield to the pedestrian.

If there is a vehicle stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection without a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, it is unlawful for a vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

Finally, every pedestrian crossing the roadway at any point, other than within a marked



crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk, shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.



Promotions: Nate Grimmus

The Worthington Police Department would like to announce the promotion of Officer Nate Grimmus to Sergeant.

Officer Grimmus started his career with the Worthington Police Department as a patrol officer where he worked for several years before going on assignment as a narcotics detective with the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force.



Officer Grimmus will start his new duties on August 1st. Congratulations to Sergeant Grimmus on his new duties.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Scam Alert: Craigslist Rental Scam

One of the latest scams to hit the area is the Craigslist Rental Scam.

This scam started out with our potential victim, Chelsie posting an advertisement on Craigslist.

She was soon contacted by a person claiming to have rental property in Worthington and asked her to go to his website and fill out an online application.

The scammer then told

Chelsie that there was no one around to show her the house, but she could check out the photographs on the website.

Not being satisfied with looking at the photographs, Chelsie drove to Worthington and looked at the house in person where she discovered the home owners still at the house.

After a brief conversation with the home owners, she

discovered the house was not for rent, but actually for sale.

The scammer had found the home listing on the realtor's web page and used the photographs for the phony Craigslist posting.

The easiest way to protect yourself from scammers like this is to never do business with someone who cannot or will not meet you in person.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: The Blacked Out SUV

Recently Eric asked "I've been seeing the new blacked out Ford Explorer police car around town. I was wondering if you could please explain to me what the purpose of this vehicle is and why we have a different design than the other squad cars?"

Thanks for the questions Eric!

For those who are not familiar with the squad car Eric is talking about, it is a black Ford Explorer with dark colored police graphics that blend in with the color of the vehicle.

The graphics on the vehicle are highly reflective and appear to glow when lights shine on them.

The Worthington Police Department is always testing out new technology in order to perform our job in a more effective manner and in this case, to find traffic violators and criminals who are accustomed to seeing a black and white squad car. As criminals get better at being criminals, the police must evolve as well and use technology to their advantage.

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to: chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us



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Criminal of the Month

If it wasn't for alcohol, it would be much harder to find the Criminal of the Month stories.

This story starts out one night with a call to a local grocery store for a male in a vehicle yelling profanities out the window at people coming out of the store.

Officers arrived on scene and, to the shock of no one, found an intoxicated male behind the wheel of his vehicle listening to a baseball game.

After performing a series of field sobriety tests, the man was

placed under arrest for a physical control DWI and taken to jail.

Despite his best attempt of threatening to spit on our donuts at the gas station he worked at, the fearless officers performed their duty and took the intoxicated man to jail.

In retrospect, the prevailing opinion is that the intoxicated male was not actually yelling at people passing by, but was actually yelling his disapproval at the performance of his favorite baseball team.



Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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